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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ABRAHAM).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

July 7, 2015.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RALPH LEE ABRAHAM to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Loving and gracious God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

As the Members of this assembly return from days away celebrating our Nation's birth, grant them safe journey. May they return ready to assume a difficult work which must be done.

We pray for the needs of the Nation, the world, and all of creation. Bless those who seek to honor You and serve each other and all Americans in this House through their public service.

May the words and deeds of this place reflect an earnest desire for justice, and may men and women in government build on the tradition of equity and truth that represents the noblest heritage of our people.

May Your blessing, O God, be with us this day and every day to come, and may all we do be done for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KILDEE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

U.S. SOCCER TEAM WINS WORLD CUP

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on July 17, 2011, the United States Women's soccer team lost to Japan in the World Cup title match. It was a crushing defeat, one that motivated the Women's National Team.

The World Cup is every 4 years, and the rematch this Sunday was one for the history books. Scoring the most goals in any World Cup final game, the United States Women's National Team earned their third World Cup championship. That is unprecedented.

Just 16 minutes into the game, the U.S. center midfielder scored her third goal of the game. It was the hat trick seen around the world.

The roar of the announcers echoed in living rooms across America. Twenty-five million people cheered on the USA, and a new American hero, Carli Lloyd, became a household name.

The United States defeated Japan 5-2, as the Red, White, and Blue proudly waved over the field in Vancouver, Canada.

Congratulations to the 2015 Women's National Team and to Coach Jill Ellis.

The team motto, "She Believes," made believers of the whole world.

And that is just the way it is.

Mr. Speaker, I insert the names of all of the players, their hometowns, and their jersey numbers into the RECORD.

2015 US WOMEN'S NATIONAL SOCCER TEAM

Shannon Box—Redondo Beach, CA—7; Morgan Brian—St. Simons Island, GA—14; Lori Chalupny—St. Louis, MO—16; Whitney Engen—Rolling Hills Estates, CA—6; Ashlyn Harris—Satellite Beach, FL—18; Tobin Heath—Basking Ridge, NJ—17; Lauren Holiday—Indianapolis, IN—12; Julie Johnston—Mesa, AZ—19; Meghan Klingenberg—Gibsonia, PA—22; Ali Krieger—Dumfries, VA—11; Sydney Leroux—Scottsdale, AZ—2; Carli Lloyd—Delran, NJ—10; Alex Morgan—Diamond Bar, CA—13; Alyssa Naeher—Bridgepoint, CT—21; Kelley O'Hara—Fayetteville, GA—5; Heather O'Reilly—East Brunswick, NJ—9; Christen Press—Palos Verdes Estates, CA—23; Christie Rampone—Point Pleasant, NJ—3; Megan Rapinoe—Redding, CA—15; Amy Rodriguez—Lake Forest, CA—8; Becky Sauerbrunn—St. Louis, MO—4; Hope Solo—Richland, WA—1; Abby Wambach—Rochester, NY—20.

HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT TRUST FUND EXPIRES

(Mr. KILDEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, at the end of this month, the highway and transit trust fund will expire, which would be devastating to our country's competitiveness and threaten 660,000 American jobs and thousands of projects to rebuild America's roads, rails, and bridges. We can't let this happen, not during the middle of the summer construction season for sure.

That is why Congress, Democrats and Republicans, really have to work together in a bipartisan fashion to pass a plan to invest in our Nation's infrastructure, our roads, our rails, and our bridges.

Right now, as a percentage of GDP, China is spending 10 times what we are

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